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Courage does in fact consist on doing something, not just because of its intensity, but because it has morale value to the person doing the courageous deed. Courage means doing something even though it can be difficult and fearsome. Courage is not always necessarily about being the hero, it is more about one’s self and how they overcome an obstacle, even if it results turn out to be awry. Courage comes from inner strength, depending on what the situation is. Fear is such a strong part of life, and when one endures that fear that is when one sees what true courage really is. Life is full of situations that most people fear; everybody is scared of something, and sooner or later the universe will find a way for us to test our fear and our courage. Courage is “the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc.” Courage is facing fears and doing things that the vast majority wouldn’t be able to do. It takes courage to stand up for things that one believes in, in fear of what others may think of them. It takes courage to be in harm’s way for the safety of others such as being a firemen or police officer. Courage is a person faces their fears and the strength to face pain and grief. With courage comes great responsibility and strength, and there are many courageous men and women fighting for our country and for others at this very moment across the world. The act of courage is difficult leaving their loved ones behind with the uncertainty that they will even return to them. Courage is not something that is given. One must earn courage because it is quite hard to get. For example, if a student gets a bad grade then they have to tell their parents and it’s a tough thing to do and that student had the courage to tell them. Some people say that speaking in front of an audience takes a lot of courage, and to some people it may. It will always be better to be courageous and believe in something that one would want to believe in. On many occasions, people will lie to "fit in". That will get a person in more trouble than they can handle, and it will not be worth it. Trying something new may be a form of courage, like trying a new type of food. Half of the foods that one might “dislike” turns out to be that they had never up tried it before, one might love that food but they are uncertain because they don’t have the courage to try it. Sometimes things in life may be hard to overcome and everybody encounters those issues, but in the end they learn to defeat it.

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